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Congressman Lee Terry today released the following statement regarding President Obama's address to a joint session of Congress:

"The U.S. Department of Labor reported last Friday that, for the first time since 1945, zero net jobs were created. With unemployment remaining over nine percent, it is obvious our economy still faces an uphill climb.

"President Obama, in his speech tonight, had the opportunity to change course and lay out a new path to create jobs. While I support increasing our commitment to our nation's crumbling infrastructure, deficit spending and higher taxes are not the way to go.

"Over this past month, I met with more than fifty-five small business owners and operators. Time and time again, I heard that costly government regulations and the uncertainty created by Washington are the enemies of economic growth and job creation.

"The President's recent decision to shelve costly ozone regulations is a good example of the Administration finally recognizing these regulations are job killers. I encourage him to look to the totality of all other proposed rules that smother job creation.

"The House of Representatives has already laid out a plan to get the government out of the way of small businesses, to develop American energy resources to create jobs and reduce the financial burden on families, and create the sense of certainty that has been lacking for so long. Now is the time to act."